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Anticipated Floor Action:

H.R. 3717—Prohibiting Federal Funds for Hypodermic Needles or Syringes for **Illegal Drug Use** 

> H.R. 3546—National Dialogue on Social Security Act H.R. 6—Higher Education Amendments



### H.R. 3717—Prohibiting Federal Funds for Hypodermic Needles or Syringes for **Illegal Drug Use**

**Floor Situation:** The House is scheduled to consider H.R. 3717 as its first order of business today. Yesterday, the Rules Committee granted a closed rule that provides two and of general debate, equally divided between Mr. Wicker and an opponent. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

Summary: H.R. 3717 prohibits the federal government from subsidizing the distribution of hypodermic needles or syringes for the injection of illegal drugs. The bill repeals a provision of the FY 1998 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act (P.L. 105-78) that currently allows the federal government to fund needle exchange programs after March 31, 1998, under certain conditions. A CBO cost estimate was unavailable at press time. The bill was introduced by Mr. Solomon and was not considered by any committee.

Views: The Republican leadership supports passage of the bill. An official administration viewpoint was unavailable at press time.

**Additional Information:** See *Legislative Digest*, Vol. XXVII, #10, April 24, 1998.



### H.R. 3546—National Dialogue on Social Security Act

**Floor Situation:** The House will consider H.R. 3546 today after it completes consideration of H.R 3717. Yesterday, the Rules Committee granted a modified closed rule that provides for three hours of general debate, equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Ways & Means Committee. The rule makes in order one amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the *Congressional Record*, if offered by Mr. Rangel, debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by a proponent and an opponent. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

**Summary:** H.R. 3546 creates a national dialogue on the subject of Social Security. The intent of the dialogue is to promote better and more widespread understanding of (1) the current Social Security program, (2) current and future problems incurred by the program, and (3) the need to find solutions workable for all generations of Americans who must rely on the retirement security provided by the Social Security system. The bill also establishes a bipartisan panel to design a long-range plan to preserve the Social Security system and maintain retirement income security for working Americans who will retire in both the near and distant future. Input from the national dialogue will be included in the bipartisan panel's February 1999 final report to the president and Congress. CBO estimates that enactment may increase discretionary outlays by \$2 million. H.R. 3546 was introduced by Messrs. Archer, Bunning, and Kasich and was reported by the Ways & Means Committee by voice vote on April 22, 1998.

**Views:** The Republican Leadership supports passage of H.R. 3546. At press time, an official position of the Clinton Administration was unavailable. However, the administration has previously expressed support for the measure.

**Amendments:** As state above, the rule makes in order the following amendment to H.R. 3546, debatable for one hour:

**Mr. Rangel** may offer an amendment to state that the unified budget surplus should be used to reduce the debt of the federal government until the bipartisan panel submits its final report or Congress has enacted comprehensive Social Security reform legislation. *Contact: x5-4021* 

**Additional Information:** See *Legislative Digest*, Vol. XXVII, #10, April 24, 1998.



### H.R. 6—Higher Education Amendments

Floor Situation: The House will consider H.R. 6 after it completes consideration of H.R. 3564. Yesterday, the Rules Committee granted a modified open rule providing one hour of general debate, equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Education & the Workforce Committee. The rule makes in order a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as base text. It waives points of order against the bill and its consideration, and states that the bill will be considered by title. The rule makes in order, before consideration of any other amendments, a manager's amendment by Mr. Goodling or his designee, debatable for 20 minutes equally divided

between a proponent and an opponent. The rule requires that amendments must be printed in the *Congressional Record* to be considered. The chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone votes during consideration and reduce the voting time on a postponed vote to five minutes, so long as it follows a regular 15-minute vote. Finally, the rule allows one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

**Summary:** H.R. 6 amends the 1965 Higher Education Act to reauthorize several existing programs that provide federal aid to students and institutions of higher education, authorize new programs, and repeal current unfunded programs. The bill authorizes \$101 billion for these programs for fiscal years 1999-2003. The bill focuses on expanding postsecondary education opportunities for low-income students and increasing the affordability of postsecondary education for many moderate income families. It resolves a current controversy over the cut in interest rates on student loans that is scheduled for July 1, 1998, by establishing a new interest rate formula for new student loans.

### The bill also:

- \* increases the maximum Pell Grant award from its current level of \$3,000 to \$4,500 for the next school year, and to \$5,300 in the 2003-2004 school year;
- \* establishes a new performance-based organization to administer federal student aid programs;
- \* establishes Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants, competitive grants offered to states to be used to improve the quality of teachers;
- \* authorizes new programs to strengthen the quality of elementary and secondary teachers, as well as expand loan cancellation for individuals teaching in low-income elementary and secondary schools;
- \* authorizes new programs to help disadvantaged elementary and secondary students graduate from high school and enroll in college;
- \* authorizes \$135 million to assist Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and other institutions of higher education that enroll large numbers of minority students and students from low-income backgrounds;
- \* establishes the Frank Tejeda Scholarship Program to recruit and train teachers who are proficient in both Spanish and English;
- \* creates the Campus-Based Child Care Program to award grants to institutions of higher education to assist in providing campus-based child care services to low income students:
- \* expands work-study provisions to allow campus-performed jobs to qualify under community service provisions and modifies the campus-based formula in order to provide more funds to institutions of higher education who joined the program after 1985 and for those which serve a large number of low-income students;

- \* amends need analysis procedures to increase working dependent students' and single independent students' eligibility for financial aid;
- \* increases the amount of income that families may exclude from calculations to determine how much they should contribute to the cost of education and reduces the percentage of a student's assets that must be contributed toward his/her education; and
- \* expands the responsibility for reporting campus crime statistics to include administrators who have direct responsibility for student and campus activities and requires institutions of higher education to submit campus crime statistics to the Education Secretary.

CBO estimates that enactment will result in discretionary outlays of \$89.1 billion and mandatory outlays of \$29.4 billion over the next five years. The bill was introduced by Messrs. McKeon, Goodling, Clay, and Kildee, and was reported by the Education & the Workforce Committee by a vote of 38-3.

**Views:** The Republican leadership supports passage of the bill. An official Clinton Administration viewpoint was unavailable at press time.

**Amendments:** At the close of business, the *Legislative Digest* was aware of the following amendments to H.R. 6:

### — Manager's Amendment —

**Mr. Goodling** will offer a manager's amendment to make five significant changes to the bill. Specifically, the amendment:

- \* modifies the Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants program to increase the emphasis on partnerships between governors, exemplary schools of education, and local education agencies. The amendment also narrows recruitment activities to target schools in poor urban and rural areas which are most in need of quality teachers;
- \* establishes a program to provide grants to combat violent crimes against women on campuses. The amendment authorizes the Secretary of Education to provide grant assistance to institutions of higher education to provide training to administrators, security, campus personnel, and student organizations to strengthen effective security methods and improve victim services for women who are victims of violent crimes;
- \* modifies the development of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid to ensure the inclusion of data necessary to assist states in awarding state financial assistance;
- \* establishes interest rates for consolidation loans made on or after October 1, 1998, that provide borrowers with an interest rate based on the weighted average of their consolidated loans with a capped maximum rate of 8.25 percent; and

\* establishes clear application requirements for institutions of higher education that wish to offer expanded distance education programs to students. The amendment ensures that the application requirements are designed so that students are being provided quality education through the distance education programs. *Contact: x5-4527* 

### Title I — General Provisions

**Mr. Gordon** may offer an amendment (#23) to require the Education Department to comply with guidelines to ensure that all its computer operations and data processing is operational without interruption by the year 2000. *Contact:* x5-4231

**Mr. Kennedy (MA)** may offer an amendment (#34) to create a national recognition award to institutions of higher education that have developed and implemented effective alcohol and drug abuse prevention and educational programs. The amendment requires the Secretary of Education to make 10 National Recognition Awards annually and authorizes \$25,000 for FY 1998, \$66,000 for FY 1999 and FY 2000, and \$72,000 for FYs 2001-2004 for the awards program. **Contact:** x5-5111

**Mr. Kennedy (MA)** may offer an amendment (#35) to create a grant program for institutions of higher education to develop, operate, improve, and disseminate prevention and education programs (including treatment-referral) to reduce and eliminate the illegal use of drugs and alcohol and their associated violence. The amendment makes the grants available on a competitive basis and authorizes \$5 million for FY 1999 for the grants and such sums as necessary for each of the four succeeding fiscal years. **Contact:** x5-5111

**Mr. Livingston** may offer an amendment (#42 or #43) to express the will of the House that institutions of higher education should not take actions which prevent students from expressing freedom of speech or association. The amendment does not prevent institutions from imposing sanctions on students who willfully participate in a disruption of a lecture, speech, or presentation. Amendment #42 also states that no funds may be distributed to an institution if the secretary finds it in violation and excludes institutions controlled by a religious or military organization if the speech is not consistent with the institutions' governing beliefs. **Contact:** x5-3015

**Mr. Paul** may offer an amendment (#3) to prohibit the Education Department from using a student's Social Security number, or any other identifier used in any federal program, as the electronic personal identifier required under the bill. The bill currently requires the Education Department to adopt standards for a single electronic personal identification number for students receiving assistance under Title IV. **Staff Contact: Norm Singleton, x5-2831** 

**Mr. Sanders** may offer an amendment (#55) to encourage cooperation between institutions to implement cost saving initiatives through joint purchasing of goods and services and shared facilities and faculty resources. The amendment's purpose is to encourage institutions to reduce operating costs, thus assisting in reducing the cost of higher education. *Staff Contact: Steve Crowley, x5-4115* 

### Title II — Postsecondary Education Improvement Programs

Mr. Allen may offer an amendment (#10) to create a pilot program to offer five hundred \$10,000 scholarships or stipends annually to outstanding students enrolled in graduate level teacher training programs. The amendment requires that recipients agree to teach math or science for three years in a rural or urban public secondary school. *Staff Contact: Beth Beausang*, *x5-6116* 

**Mr. Edwards** may offer an amendment (#19) to include management skills training for school principals and superintendents in the list of activities which will be eligible to receive funds under the Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants program. *Staff Contact: Meredith Berger, x5-6105* 

**Mr. Farr** may offer an amendment (#20) to encourage the quality and ability of teachers in math, science, English, foreign languages, history, economics, art, and civics. *Contact:* x5-2861

Mr. Miller (CA) may offer an amendment (#46, #47, or #49) to require the Education Secretary to annually publish a description of teacher licensing and credentialing assessments used by each state. The amendment requires that the information be available within three years of enactment. It requires that any institution (which prepares teachers and receives federal funds) whose pass rate of graduates on any teacher licensing and credentialing assessment falls below 70 percent be reported to the Education Department. It also requires these institutions to report to the state on efforts to improve the performance of their graduates on such assessments.

Amendment #47 additionally requires that a student majoring in education must attend an institution where more than 70 percent of the graduates passed state teacher licensing and certification assessments. The amendment also requires a state to notify the Education Department if it lowers or raises its qualifying score for such assessments. Finally, it states that no part of the provision permits or encourages a national system of teacher certification.

Amendment #49 additionally requires states to establish procedures to identify low performing programs for teacher preparation within institutions. In instances where the state has withdrawn its approval or terminated its financial support for an institution, the amendment makes the institution ineligible for any funding for professional development activities awarded by the Education Department. *Contact:* x5-2095

**Mr. Miller (CA)** may offer an amendment (#48) to require that a student majoring in education must attend an institution where at least 70 percent of the graduates passed state teacher licensing and certification assessments. The amendment also requires a state to notify the department if it lowers or raises its qualify passing score for such assessments. **Contact:** x5-2095

**Mr. Owens** may offer an amendment (#51) to create a new Postsecondary Information Technology Education Recruitment program to provide grant funds to institutions to establish, oversee the operation of, and provide technical assistance to projects that provide postsecondary information technology education and employment procurement assistance. The amendment authorizes \$100 million for FY 1999 for this program and such sums as necessary for each of the four succeeding fiscal years. **Contact: x5-6231** 

### Title IV — Student Assistance

Mr. Allen may offer an amendment (#11) to authorize the Education Secretary to hold owners of proprietary institutions liable for refunds of unearned institutional charges. The amendment requires that a proprietary institution be provisionally certified only if the prospective owner provides the secretary with financial guarantees. This amendment does not affect public and private non-profit institutions. *Staff Contact: Beth Beausang*, x5-6116

**Mr. Andrews** may offer an amendment (#12) to establish applicable interest rates for consolidation loans based on a 91-day T-bill plus 2.3 percent and capped at 8.25 percent. The amendment applies to consolidation loans made on or after July 1, 1998. *Staff Contact: Edgar Ho*, *x5-6501* 

**Mr. Andrews** may offer an amendment (#13) to reduce special allowances paid to lenders from 2.8 percent to 2.3 percent. *Staff Contact: Edgar Ho*, *x5-6501* 

Mr. Andrews may offer an amendment (#14) to expand and revise the Income Contingent Repayment (ICR) option for the Direct Student Loan program. The amendment (1) allows all federal student loan borrowers to be eligible to choose ICR, (2) requires borrowers to repay certain percentages of their yearly income, regardless of the loan amount, and (3) guarantees that if a loan is not repaid in 25 years, then the federal government must cover the outstanding principal and interest. Staff Contact: Edgar Ho, x5-6501

**Mr. Andrews** may offer an amendment (#15) to authorize the secretary to provide advances to a guaranty agency in the event the agency needs to serve as a lender of last resort. This provision is currently eliminated by H.R. 6. **Staff Contact: Edgar Ho**, **x5-6501** 

**Mr. Andrews** may offer an amendment (#16) to amend the notification requirements for incomesensitive repayments. The amendment requires the lender, at the time of offering the loan and at the time of repayment, to notify the borrower about his/her eligibility for income-sensitive repayment through loan consolidation. *Staff Contact: Edgar Ho*, *x5-6501* 

**Mr. Andrews** may offer an amendment (#17) to reduce insurance to lenders to 95 percent, reduce guaranty agency retention of collections from 24 percent to 18.5 percent, and reduce origination fees paid by students by one percent. The amendment sets the effective date for these changes to payments made by borrowers on or after October 1, 1997. **Staff Contact: Edgar Ho, x5-6501** 

**Mrs. Clayton** may offer an amendment (#18) to require institutions to distribute mail voter registration applications during registration for enrollment, unless the student declines in writing to receive such a form. *Staff Contact: Aimee Occhetti*, *x5-3101* 

**Mr. Cummings** may offer an amendment (#1) to reauthorize the Council on Legal Education Opportunities (CLEO) program, which helps minority, low-income and educationally disadvantaged college students prepare for law school. Under the program, minority college students must to attend a six week pre-law school summer program to introduce them to law school. The amendment limits funding for the program to \$5 million for each fiscal year. The amendment also renames the program the Thurgood Marshall Legal Education Opportunity Program. **Staff Contact: Anthony Scott, x5-4741** 

**Mr. Gordon** may offer an amendment (#24) to modify the guaranty agency restructuring proposal to lessen the control of the Education Secretary. *Contact: x5-4231* 

**Mr. Gordon** may offer an amendment (#25) to convert the special allowance formula from the 91-Day T-bill to a commercial paper index. The amendment implements the new formula for loans made on or after July 1, 1998. *Contact:* x5-4231

**Ms. Jackson-Lee** may offer an amendment (#27) to direct the Education Secretary to study the impact that guarantors and lenders have on student loan default rates. *Contact: x5-3816* 

**Ms. Jackson-Lee** may offer an amendment (#28) to establish the start of preclaim assistance by guaranty agency at the 120th day of delinquency instead of at the 60th day as under current law. *Contact:* x5-3816

**Ms. Jackson-Lee** may offer an amendment (#29) to authorize the secretary to provide assistance to institutions exempt from the cohort default rate elimination provision. *Contact: x5-3816* 

**Ms. Jackson-Lee** may offer an amendment (#30) to forgive the obligations of Texas Southern University that have been discovered from audits and program reviews related to the administration of programs funded by the HEA. *Contact:* x5-3816

**Mrs. Kelly** may offer an amendment (#32 or #33) to establish a memorial scholarship program to assist families of state and local public safety officers (law enforcement officers and firefighters) who were killed in the line of duty. Amendment #32 authorizes awards to eligible applicants for attendance at both institutions for kindergarten through 12th grade and postsecondary institutions, whereas Amendment #33 authorizes awards only at postsecondary institutions. **Staff Contact: Katie Marzelli**, **x5-5441** 

**Mr. Kennedy (MA)** may offer an amendment (#36) to reauthorize the Public Information program, which provides a computerized database of all public and private student financial assistance programs and a toll-free information line to provide individualized financial assistance information. The amendment authorizes \$15 million for FY 1999 and such sums as necessary for the next four succeeding fiscal years. The program is currently unfunded and is repealed by H.R. 6. **Contact:** x5-5111

**Mr. Kennedy** (**MA**) may offer an amendment (#37) to establish a Paul Tsongas Fellowship program to offer awards to exceptional students pursuing careers in fields that confront the global energy and environmental challenges of the 21st century. The amendment authorizes stipends of \$15,000, \$16,500, and \$18,000 during the first, second, and third years of study. It also requires each doctoral fellow to participate in a three month internship related to his/her dissertation topic at a national laboratory or an equivalent industrial laboratory. The amendment authorizes \$5 million for FY 1999 and such sums as necessary for the next four succeeding fiscal years. *Contact: x5-5111* 

**Mr. Kennedy (MA)** may offer an amendment (#38) to state the sense of the House that all colleges should be required to adopt a code of principles to attempt to change the culture of alcohol consumption on campuses. *Contact:* x5-5111

**Mr. Klink** may offer an amendment (#39) to require guaranty agencies to prove that attempts were made by the loan servicer to contact the borrower's school when collecting on a delinquent student loan. *Contact:* x5-2565

**Mr. Klink** may offer an amendment (#40) to shorten the amount of time institutions have to wait to re-enter student loan programs after being removed for three consecutive years of default rates in excess of 25 percent. *Contact:* x5-2565

**Mr. Klug** may offer an amendment (#41) for students in the military reserves who are called to active duty after graduation to allow the six month grace period for loan repayment to begin once the student has returned from his/her active duty. **Staff Contact: Kathy Hahn, x5-2906** 

Mr. Lazio, Mr. Gilman, and Ms. Tauscher may offer an amendment (#7) to allow loan forgiveness for qualified student borrowers. The amendment requires the Education Department to forgive a percentage (20 percent after the second and third years of employment and 30 percent after the fourth and fifth years) of the total amount and interest of the Stafford and Direct Student Loans for each year a graduate with a degree in early childhood education works in a licensed child care facility. The amendment authorizes \$10 million for each of the next five fiscal years for this initiative. Staff Contact: Mary Angelini (Lazio), x5-3335

**Mr. McGovern** may offer an amendment (#44) to provide an achievement award to Pell Grant eligible students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class. The amendment makes the achievement award available for the first two years of postsecondary education and equal to the amount of a student's Pell Grant award. It also provides for the achievement award to be proportionately reduced should appropriations for this provision be less than necessary. **Staff Contact: Cindy Buhl, x5-6101** 

**Mrs. Meek** may offer an amendment (#45) to establish a demonstration project to develop ways to provide equal educational opportunity for individuals with learning disabilities at institutions of higher education. The amendment states that (1) not more than five institutions will participate in the demonstration projects; (2) grants, contracts, and agreements will be awarded on a competitive basis; and (3) awards will be granted for three years. The amendment authorizes \$10 million for each fiscal year from FY 1999 through FY 2001 for the projects. **Contact:** x5-4506

**Mr. Petri** may offer an amendment (#52) to establish a pilot program to use auctions to apportion lending authority for the student loan program, with program-wide use of auctions by July 1, 2001. The amendment limits the amount of lending authority auctioned to 15 percent of anticipated annual loan volume during the period covered by the pilot programs. **Staff Contact: Paul Prososki, x5-2476** 

**Mr. Petri** may offer an amendment (#53) to implement an auction process under which banks would make bids, positive or negative, for the right to make blocks of guaranteed loans under the FFEL program. The amendment requires a bank to make a lump sum payment to the Treasury Department for the right to make a block of loans, or a lump subsidy will be paid to a bank in case a negative bid is accepted. It requires banks to determine their actual costs for making loans and required profits, and bid accordingly. It allows the market to determine the payment for making the loans and allows the loan authority to go to those banks which can supply the loans the most efficiently. **Staff Contact: Paul Prososki, x5-2476** 

Mr. Riggs and Mr. Roemer may offer an amendment (#8) to eliminate the provision of the bill that requires institutions of higher education to report, on an annual basis, any reduction in funding or in the number of participants on an athletics team, and report the elimination of any sports teams four years in advance of the actual reduction and justify that decision. Staff Contacts: Jennifer Drazek (Riggs), x5-3311 and Gina Mahony (Roemer), x5-3915

**Mr. Roemer** may offer an amendment (#54) to revise loan limits for unsubsidized loans to allow students to borrow more funds each year, subject to aggregate maximums. The amendment applies to loans made after July 1, 1998. *Contact: x5-3915* 

**Mr. Sanders** may offer an amendment (#56) to increase the maximum award of Pell Grants to \$5,000 for the academic year 1999-2000, \$5,200 for 2000-2001, \$5,400 for 2001-2002, \$5,600 for 2002-2003, and \$5,800 for 2003-2004. These numbers are consistent with the Senate version of the Higher Education Amendment Act. *Staff Contact: Steve Crowley, x5-4115* 

**Mr. Skaggs** may offer an amendment (#58) to study consolidation options with respect to students who have borrowed loans from private sources (other than direct student loans or federally guaranteed student loans). *Contact:* x5-2161

**Mr. Souder** may offer an amendment (#59) to tighten the eligibility for student assistance (e.g., grants, loans, or work assistance) for students convicted of a state or federal drug-related offense. It requires that, in addition to successfully completing a drug rehabilitation program, a student must test negative for drug use twice before his/her assistance is reinstated. **Staff Contact: Amy Adair, x5-4436** 

### Title V — Developing Institutions

**Mr. Serrano** may offer an amendment (#57) to broaden the definition of Hispanic-Serving Institutions to include proprietary schools that provide a four year degree program, are regionally accredited, and serve at least 1,500 Hispanic students. *Contact:* x5-4361

### Title VI — International and Graduate Education Programs

**Mr. Farr** may offer an amendment (#21) to amend the Business and International Education programs to include professional graduate degrees in translation and interpretation. *Contact: x5-2861* 

### Title VII — Construction, Reconstruction, and Renovation of Academic Facilities

**Mr. Stupak** may offer an amendment (#4) to forgive a debt incurred by a previous administration at Suomi College in Hancock, Michigan. Suomi College owes the Department of Education \$5.4 million for construction of buildings on campus. Founded in 1896, the college enrolls 400 students (60 percent from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan) and employs 140 people (the fourth largest private employer in the region). **Staff Contact: David Buchanan**, **x5-4735** 

### Title VIII — Additional Provisions

**Mr. Hall (TX)** may offer an amendment (#26) to prohibit the secretary from using audit deficiencies in record keeping in determining whether Texas College in Tyler, Texas, complies with financial responsibility and administrative capacity standards of the HEA, if the college made a good faith effort in furnishing records to the Education Department. *Contact: x5-6673* 

**Mr. Miller (CA)** may offer an amendment (#50) to state the sense of Congress that all American colleges and universities adopt rigorous labor codes of conduct to assure that university and college licensed merchandise is not made by sweatshop and exploited adult or child labor either domestically or abroad. *Contact:* x5-2095

**Mr. Stupak** may offer an amendment (#5) to authorize \$5 million for each of the next five fiscal years for the Olympic Scholarship program, which provides college scholarships for Olympic athletes while they train. *Staff Contact: David Buchanan*, *x5-4735* 

### Title IX — Amendments to Other Laws

**Mr. Foley** may offer an amendment (#22) to eliminate the federal prohibition on notifying the campus community when a student commits a violent crime. The amendment allows the release of the names of students who are found guilty of committing violent crimes by university disciplinary proceedings. *Staff Contact: Shawn Gallagher*, *x5-5792* 

### — Additional Titles —

**Mr. Riggs** may offer an amendment (#9) to create a new Title XI to prohibit institutions of higher education which participate in any programs authorized by the Higher Education Act from using race or gender preferences in the admission process. The amendment excludes any private institution which traditionally from its establishment admits only students of one sex. The amendment also does not prohibit or limit an institution from encouraging and recruiting qualified women and minorities, provided that it does not involve preferential treatment in selecting any person for admission. **Staff Contact: Mark Davis, x5-3311** 

**Ms. Jackson-Lee** may offer an amendment (#31) to create a new Title XIII to direct the secretary to study methods to identify students with dyslexia early in their educational training. *Contact: x5-3816* 

Additional Information: See Legislative Digest, Vol. XXVII, #10, Pt. II, April 27, 1998.



# REPUBLICAN Conference Amendment Alert!

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